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Application Serial No. 10/667,838
Reply to Office Action of January 30, 2007

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Docket: CU-3657

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the office action mailed January 30, 2007, claims 1-6, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 4,446,594 to Watanabe in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,683,4498 to Lagerstrom et al. (Lagerstrom). Claims 1-6 and 9 were separately rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,363,573 to Harsh. Claim 10 was separately rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being upatentable over Watanabe in view of Harsh as applied to claim 9 and in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,081,963 to Jailor et al.

The claim rejections in the office action were made final.

Claims 7-8 and 11-13, however, were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but were otherwise determined to be allowable, i.e., if they are rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim from which they depend, as well as any intervening claims.

Claim 7 depended from claim 6; claim 6 depended from claim 5; claim 5 depended from claim 4; claim 4 depended from claim 3; claim 3 depended from claim 2 and claim 2 depended from claim 1.

By this amendment, the limitations of claims 2-7 have been incorporated into claim 1. Since claim 1 now includes all of the limitations of claim 7 (and claims 2-6 as well), claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

On February 21, 2007, the undersigned counsel of record for the applicant conducted a telephone interview of Examiner Guidotti to determine the basis for the Examiner's conclusion that all of the limitations of claim 1 can be found in the combination of Watanabe and Lagerstrom. Counsel for the applicant asked the Examiner for clarification of where and how the cited references show the limitation of claim 1 that requires the height-adjusting knob to have been "formed" to have a "cam curve portion. No agreement was reached with the Examiner.

As set forth above, all of the limitations of allowable claim 7 have been incorporated into claim 1. Claims 8-13 now depend from allowable claim 1 and are therefore also in condition for allowance.

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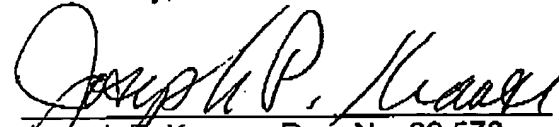
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The applicant asks for this amendment to be entered under Rule 116(b), which allows entry of an amendment after a final rejection if the amendment only corrects matter of form.

Since the only change made by this amendment is the form of the claims to make them conform to the Examiner's statement of allowability, the amendment is properly entered under Rule 116(b). Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Yours truly,

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